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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Steven R. Wasylchak	Art Unit 3624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. This action is in response to Applicant's response received on June 3, 2004.
2. Claims 1-33 are pending; objection to drawings is withdrawn.
3. The use of the term "substantially" is indefinite or vague as no baseline or benchmark separates that which is substantial versus unsubstantial. A range of values or a specific value would obviate the indefiniteness.
4. Applicant fails to note the Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms defines crossed trade only for major exchanges--not small exchanges and thus Applicant's argument by default misses the point by *failing* to address minor exchanges *and* the second dictionary.
5. Applicant is reminded Togher discloses further trades, see col 3, L 21; "limits" are credit limits.
6. An anonymous trading system would include blind trusts, which Attorney is presumably aware of, cross trading securities on computer terminals.
7. "manipulative practice" by the definition of item 4, applies only to major exchanges; Applicant has disregarded minor exchanges. The second dictionary makes no mention of manipulative practice and Applicant again disregards this in his argument.
8. "non-anonymous" is in the Togher: col 1, L 63 to col 2, L 2 (unauthorized access takes away anonymity from any deal).
9. Togher states multiple trades: col 3, L 1-44. Note: composite deals, another trading floor, at least one potential counterparty suggests a plurality.

10. *In re Eynde* is factually dissimilar; as such its holding does not apply; moreover, it is speculative and thus not determinative by using terminology such as "normally" and "the possibility".

11. A dictionary is clear evidence to support official notice.

This action is **FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703) 308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached at (703) 308-1065. The fax number for Art Unit 3624 is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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